

# Christmas Sweets



## WORSHIP AT CROSS OF ICE IN THE REALM OF THE CZAR

Scattered Christian Tribes in Turkey Celebrate Christmas with Impressive Ceremonies.

Russians Look Upon Christmas as the Most Sacred and Most Celebrated Holiday.

**M**OHAMMEDISM is the prevailing religion in Turkey and for that reason only the few scattered Christian tribes observe the birthday of Christ in any manner. The Mohammedan Turks have but four days in the entire year when they can celebrate the day of birth of the Son of God—the day of Kurban, which is the Mohammedan New Year and Halidim, the anniversary of the date when Mohammed gave to his people his scripture. The first day of the Christian is the Sabbath of the Mohammedan and is observed by him in the same manner as Sunday with the Christians.

The Christian Turks who include the Bulgarians, Serbians, Montenegrins and other smaller tribes observe Christmas with impressive religious ceremonies.

Three days before Christmas the Bladego appoints a delegation of men from each congregation who go to the river and pour out immense jugs of oil after which they anoint a more informal meal. A great cross measuring about six feet is set up against the pyramid and the water and prayers are pronounced, after which the priest holds baptismal exercises. Having been blessed by the water the people are considered to be holy and as fast as the people can get to the river the last bottles of all sizes and descriptions are filled with the water.

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### For Sale

Relinquish six miles out, sandy loam, shallow water, apple at this office. \$100.

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Look out for team paint horse that ran out of the front door of my barn last Saturday. Will pay \$5.00 for his return.

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